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1. The airfield was just west of Pinsk (26°6'E/52°7'N), White Russian SSR, north of the railroad line to Kobrin (24°22'E/52°12'N). (1)
2. The field was occupied by about 100 fighters which were not camouflaged and which were parked in close formations in the open, and not in revetments. Three types of fighters were identified: A Yak-9 single-engine, low-wing monoplane with rounded wing tips, in-line engine, noticeably wide main landing gear, tail wheel, similar to the La-109; (2) a low-wing monoplane with slightly rounded wing tips, double radial engine very long and round, three-bladed propeller, landing gear retracting inward, tail wheel, very similar to the FW-190 but engine apparently longer; (3) a single-engine propeller-driven monoplane with nose wheel. The last type plane was seen only occasionally.
3. Two radar antennas were seen. One was seen from a distance of about 200 meters and was on top of a small house on the southern edge of the field, near the railroad line. (4) The other antenna was observed from a greater distance and was on the roof of a small house on the northern edge of the field. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) This is the first postwar report on the Pinsk airfield.
- (2) The description is that of a Yak-9.
- (3) This is an La type of which the principal features are correctly described. It cannot be determined whether it is an La-9 or an La-11 because of the external resemblance. The long radial engine would indicate the La-11 type. The airfield is possibly occupied by two fighter regiments, one regiment of which is equipped with Yak-9s and the other with La-9s or La-11s.

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- (4) [redacted] it is believed that the essential features of the radar set were also correctly observed. The set is apparently a fighter control set which operates with waves about 1 1/2 meters long and which has a dipole length of 0.75 cm. The transmitter and receivers seem to be mounted on different masts on the same level. From the presence of the set it may be inferred that a fighter

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division headquarters is stationed at the field. Since this set was observed from a great distance, errors in observation are possible. It is believed that it is an ear-set (sic) which was previously observed at other airfields in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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Annex for sketches of radar antennas seen at field.

1. Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

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